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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0278

INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 1653

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS BC NI RH

SUBJECT: V.P. MASIRE TO VISIT NIGERIA

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1. IN ABSENCE OF PRES. SIR SERETSE KHAMA, STILL CONVALESCING IN LONDON, VICE PRESIDENT MASIRE IS REPRESENTING BOTSWANA AT FRONTLINE MEETING BEGINNING JULY 25 IN LUSAKA. RADIO BOTSWANA HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT, FOLLOWING LUSAKA MEETING, MASIRE WILL CONTINUE ON TO NIGERIA.

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2. GENERAL MERAFHE, WHO IS ACCOMPANYING THE MV.P. TO NIGERIA, DISCLAIMED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SPECIAL REASON FOR THE VISIT TO LAGOS BEYOND THE DESIRE TO DEVELOP CLOSER RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF GOB POSITIONS ON PATRIOTIC FRONT AND PREFERENCE FOR NEGOTIATION RATHER THAN WAR IN ZIMBABWE. MERAFHE REFLECTED CONCERN AT BOTSWANA'S  
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ISOLATION AMONG FRONTLINE STATES AS RESULT OF ITS STAND ON THESE ISSUES, ESPECIALLY BANDWAGON EFFECT OF PRO-PF AND PRO-MILITARY OPINION.

3. COMMENT: GOB/FMB RELATIONS ARE GOOD BUT NOT PARTICULARLY CLOSE, IN PART BECAUSE NIGERIAN HICOM HERE IS NOT POLITICALLY ACTIVE AND ASSUMES ONLY A MINOR ROLE

WELL SHORT OF NIGERIA'S INTEREST AND ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHERN  
AFRICA. PRESENCE OF GENERAL MERAFHE ON THE GOB  
DELEGATION TO LAGOS IS WORTHY OF MORE THAN PASSING  
INTEREST. HIS EXPERTISE ON GOB SECURITY MATTERS DERIVES  
INTER ALIA FROM HIS LIAISON ROLE IN SHIPMENT OF ARMS FROM PRC LAST  
JANUARY. HE HAS JUST RETURNED FROM SOME TEN DAYS IN  
LUSAKA DISCUSSING REFUGEE AND SECURITY PROBLEMS. IN  
BRIEF, HIS RESPONSIBILITIES GO BEYOND THOSE OF A UNIFORMED  
MILITARY AIDE TO V.P.  
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